

## **The Inova 24/7 Multi Function Emergency Light**

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I was first introduced to this light by PC Rob Simpson from Cheshire Police. He had acquired his in the States whilst on holiday, but after a quick search on the internet I discovered that it was being distributed in this country by Edgar Brothers of Macclesfield, Cheshire. Guess where Rob is based? Macclesfield!

I phoned the company and was impressed by their staff who were friendly and knowledgeable. I ordered one of the lights over the phone, and received it three days later. The light comes with a host of accessories, a neck lanyard, headband, magnetic mount and even a wall mount. The light itself is amazing. It is smaller than a mobile phone, and has eight different functions.

The light itself is octagonal shaped and is operated by turning the outside face to the required light. The lights range from low level white to high level white to a three-colour Distress strobe. It also has a locator beacon which has a run time of up to 15000 hrs!

On the work front, I wore my Inova 24/7 the day it arrived, and its baptism of fire was not long in coming! We attended a road traffic accident, and I was doing traffic control. I put the light on to the two-colour Emergency Beacon, and started directing traffic. As I did so, one driver leant out of his window and said to me, "Turn that down a bit mate, it's a bit bright!" The lights themselves have a two-mile signal visibility (important for our County colleagues when they're out in the fields!), and a 50-foot effective range.

From a police perspective, another important thing about this light is that it allows you to have both hands free when dealing with a stop. No longer do you have to hold a torch awkwardly as well as your pen and pocket book. The Inova light clips onto one of the radio holders on your jacket and beams directly onto your book. Overall, I am very impressed with this "Swiss Army knife" of flashlights, and would recommend it to anyone doing Bike Patrol/EMS.

The company's website is at [www.inovalight.com](http://www.inovalight.com). Edgar Brothers can be contacted on 01625 613177.

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